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MILLION DOLLAR TREASURE

Vancouver, B.C., April 24.
 A quarter million dollar treasure has been packed in 26 big boxes and placed in bond by Canadian Customs officials as no clues have been found to the mystery of the disappearance at sea of their owner, Henri Bar, Shanghai banker.

The banker disappeared from the s.s. "Sam Water" when the small passenger-freighter was three days from Vancouver, and the captain of the vessel, Captain F. Howe, said the general belief is that Bar fell overboard while the craft was tossing in rough seas.

Bar, who was head of the Banque Franco-Chinese, had told Captain Howe that he intended to sell a portion of his collection of gems and curios in New York and then proceed homeward to retire. Bar was a native of France.

Crewmen of the s.s. "Sam Water" said that ill fortune had dogged the vessel from the time she began loading at Shanghai until two hours after Bar's disappearance was discovered on April 17, only a few hours outside of the port of Vancouver.

In Shanghai, during the loading of the ship, a coolie fell and was badly injured. Two days later, just out of port, a mate ship went insane and the ship had to put into Yokohama to discharge the demented man ashore and get a replacement.—Associated Press.

RELEASE OF P.O.W.s. 500,000 Germans Still Held All Out By Next October

Body Found

The body of Claude Williams, Akera, Seaman Second Class, of the U.S.S. "Los Angeles," was found at 12:30 p.m. yesterday on the beach near the Naval Dockyard, Kowloon. The body was clad in a pair of white shorts.

Akera has been missing from his ship since Saturday last.

SMUGGLER CAUGHT

London, April 24.
 A French pilot, Henri Dericourt, was fined by the Croydon Bench for breaches of export regulations today when he attempted to take gold, platinum and notes to France.

He was ordered to remain in custody until the fines totalling £500 were paid.

The Public Prosecutor said that Dericourt was about to pilot a plane from Croydon to Paris when Customs officials examined a bag which he had not presented for examination.

Under his pyjamas were found fifteen pieces of platinum and gold nuggets.

Dericourt said that he was being paid £100 for conveying the metal to France.—Reuter.

FRANKFURT, April 24.
 ALL GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN THE UNITED STATES OCCUPATION ZONE, COMPRISING SOME 532,000 MEN HELD IN MORE THAN 100 CAMPS, WILL BE RELEASED FROM P.O.W. STATUS BY NEXT OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO GERMAN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

WHILE NOT ALL WILL BE SET COMPLETELY FREE BY THAT DATE, ALL WILL HAVE BEEN SCREENED BY THEN AND THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR DISCHARGE WILL BE RELEASED. PRISONERS IN SPECIAL CATEGORIES WILL REVERT TO THE STATUS OF "CIVILIAN INTERNEES" THROUGH AUTOMATIC ARREST REGULATIONS.

The half million Germans inhabiting the familiar barbed-wire enclosures that are landmarks in most cities of the zone are all that now remain of the approximately 5,000,000 P.O.W.s in American custody on V-E Day.

According to latest figures, approximately 3,500,000 of those formerly held have already been discharged. Some 800,000 came under the charge of the British Army when it took over its occupation zone and 623,000 have been transferred to the French, including 130,000 who were already in territory which later became the French occupation zone.

Of the total handed over to France to help rehabilitate

that country, 73,000 were returned to U.S. custody when it was discovered last autumn that severe malnutrition was taking a high toll of lives. The U.S. Army still holds 115,795 German P.O.W.s in France, where they work at supply dumps and do maintenance and general labour. Another 8,000 serve the same purpose in England.

"Pipeline" Procedure
 Just as American soldiers are being redeployed from Germany via a "pipeline" of operational procedure, so at Bad Aibling in Bavaria German P.O.W.s enter a discharge centre to start the trek that will eventually take them home. The potential discharge is cleared by an interrogation team, checked by a counter-intelligence corps group, and has his records and history documented.

After clerks have computed his accumulated pay, he receives his special discharge pass. Then his discharge certificate is handed to him and he reports for orientation that will set him in good stead in a de-Nazified country the like of which he has never known.

The discharged P.O.W. is sent home by rail or by truck. In his home locality, he reports to the local police, who register his fingerprints and give him a registration card. Then he registers for work with his regional labour office and is finally given his ration book. Nearly half of all discharged P.O.W.s soon find work in their normal civilian occupations.—Reuter.

Strange Saga Of 'Ada Rehan'

Shanghai, April 24.
 The strange saga of the good ship "Ada Rehan" took another freak turn yesterday. Crew members in a whisper over a short beer in Blood Alley, passed along the word that the three Persian women taken aboard Khorramshahr showed the skipper what he thought were passports.

Only the documents turned out to be prostitution licenses, written in Persian—of whatever they write there—and bearing official-looking photographs. At least, that's the latest scuttlebutt.

The "Ada Rehan," which the Isthmian line would like to disown at the moment, is the freighter which started from San Francisco for New Orleans and wound up on an eight-month world cruise that would rival the legendary "Flying Dutchman."

She put her skipper on the beach at Tripoli with a nervous breakdown, survived a mutiny after the first mate took over command and picked up the Persian women, three Persian men and a boy of seven at Khorramshahr.

The Persians were under the impression they were bound for the United States. They always had a yen to see America.

And A Baboon
 The crew likes to remember Khorramshahr because that was where they took a baboon aboard—gift of a seamen's club that was folding up—and found the animal had an insatiable craving for beer. When the beer and hard liquor ran out, the baboon broke out of its cage, bit the master and escaped.

The skipper, after participating somewhat in the baboon's liquid diet, went after the animal, fired six shots at six-foot range and missed every time. Later the baboon was killed.

The crew is a little sad at that. They liked the baboon.

The women still are aboard the "Ada Rehan," which is unloading UNRRA rail equipment at Wusung. Two photographers boarded the ship seeking material and found the Persians unexpectedly shy and retiring. They tittered and can for cover when they saw cameras.

All three women claim Persian citizenship, but one is an American by birth and another is a Pole, the photographers learned. The cameramen estimate their age at around 30. The boy is the son of one of them.

Keeping Mum
 They got off the ship somehow the other day and sought out the Persian consul and any other contact they could find, but were unable to determine their status. The one piece of advice they did get was to keep mum if newspapermen asked them any questions.

It appeared that the Isthmian Line would have to figure out a way to get them back to Persia.

This is causing no little concern among the American crew.

The boys thought they would be gone two or three weeks from the United States and now it's been eight months.

The ship's operator admits that he has 1,000 hours of time left on his contract.

PALESTINE REPORT FORECAST

Lausanne, April 24.
 Palestine will not come under the authority of the United Nations Trusteeship Council when it is formed, according to recommendations made in the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Enquiry, on Palestine, well-informed quarters stated here today.

The report, written under conditions of the greatest secrecy, in a luxury hotel in Lausanne, after weeks of exhaustive enquiry in Palestine and other countries, was completed several days ago.

Members of the Commission, who were not prepared to confirm or deny the report, said no statement could be made until their report was officially published.

Other points in the Commission's report, which was said to be unanimous, were: 100,000 Jews should be given facilities to enter Palestine immediately. All plans for the partition of Palestine were rejected.—Reuter.

Batavia, Apr. 24.
 Indonesian terrorists in the Bullenore area, murdered nine children yesterday at Tembung, according to local news.

The local press reported that the children were taken to a school and then killed.

Water

The water supply on the island and Kowloon is to be restricted from April 27, when the supply will be cut off nightly from 7.30 p.m. to 6.30 a.m.

TONG FRICTION IN 'FRISCO

San Francisco, April 24.
 Sergeant John Dyer who recently took over the San Francisco Chinatown police detail said today that a face slapping incident has revived Tong friction here. It is believed that there is no danger of an old fashioned Tong War as yet.

Sergeant Dyer said the trouble began when a young member of a small Tong, the Sen Suey Ying Tong, slapped the face of the president of the powerful Bing Kong Tong, unaware at the time of whose face he was slapping.

The Bing Kong Tong is one of the biggest in the nation. The matter is now before the Elders of the Wo Ping Woie, which is the Chinese peace society.

There have been no Tong Wars or killings in San Francisco since 1917 when trouble flared between the two Tongs which are involved in the current dispute. Sergeant Dyer said that he had tried to get the leaders of the two Tongs to shake hands, but I have not made it yet," he admitted ruefully.

"Both Tongs have no objections, but there is the question of face involved. I think it will smooth out soon, but the Chinese do not fight and make up as quick as a pair of Irishmen," he explained.—Associated Press.

Iran To Consider Bahrein Case

Tehran, April 24.
 The Iranian Premier, Quavam Es Sultaneh, said at a press conference yesterday that he would have to study the question of the Government's attitude toward Iranian claims to the British protectorate of Bahrein.

A campaign for Iranian control of this rich oil island in the Persian Gulf, ruled over by an Arab Sheik, was recently launched by the Freedom Front Organization here.

The cabinet decided recently to charge taxes and royalty on oil from the island imported into Iran by American companies on Bahrein.

While the left wing claims ancient Iranian ownership of the island, Right Wing writers have argued that the present campaign to claim it is subsidised by the Soviet Union.

The Propaganda Minister, Prince Mazaffer Firouz said yesterday that the Red Army is rapidly quitting Azerbaijan and Iran though foreign observers said that no reports had reached here of Soviet troops actually leaving Azerbaijan. The Soviet-Iranian cultural society at the Caspian port of Pahlevi gave "a farewell party" for Russian officers.—Associated Press

Fighting?
 Premier Quavam requested the Army yesterday to investigate reports of fighting in North-western Iran near Zanjan and in the desert South of Myandab.

The Army said that they had received no official word of fighting, which Radio Tabriz reported earlier had broken out south of Myandab between Iranian troops and the volunteer "Azerbaijani People's Forces."

An observer said that minor clashes had occurred west of Zanjan, as a result of new activity among the following tribesmen who have remained loyal to the Government.—Associated Press

U.S. REPUBLICANS' NEW CHAIRMAN

(BY HAROLD FAIR)
 NEW YORK, April 24.
 THE U.S. REPUBLICAN PARTY, WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE POLITICAL WILDERNESS SINCE FOUR SUCCESSIVE DEFEATS IN THE ELECTIONS OF 1932, 1936, 1940 AND 1944, HAS PICKED A CONSERVATIVE WITH A NON-INTERVENTIONIST RECORD TO "STAGE MANAGE" IT FOR WHAT IT HOPES WILL BE VICTORY IN THE 1948 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

HE IS MR. BRAZILLA CARROLL REECE, 56-YEAR-OLD CONGRESSMAN FROM TENNESSEE, CHOSEN NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. THE MAN WHO HOLDS THIS POST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GALVANIZING THE PARTY INTO ACTION. HE IS THE PARTY'S "VOICE" UNTIL A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IS CHOSEN, AND EXERTS A POTENT INFLUENCE IN THE ORGANISATION.

Mr. Reece's voting record in Congress includes opposition to conscription before the war, opposition to the seizure of foreign ships and arming American merchantmen before the United States entered the war, and opposition to lend-lease. He did, however, support an increase in the American Navy in 1938.

He voted against the price control act in 1942 and its extension in 1944.

A slight, grey-haired veteran of the First World War who holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Purple Heart, Mr. Reece succeeds Mr. Herbert Brownell who was chairman of the committee which sought unsuccessfully to guide Governor Thomas Dewey of New York to the White House in 1944. Mr. Reece has been a member of Congress for 26 years.

The choice of Mr. Reece was far from acceptable to liberal commentators and progressive members of the party.

Mr. Harold Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota and a progressive candidate for the nomination, declared:

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HK. RADIUM FOUND IN TOKYO

Tokyo, April 24.
 The Civil Property Custodian disclosed today the recovery of \$500,000 worth of radium which the Japanese are asserted to have looted from Hong Kong last August.

The precious ore is deposited in a storage vault of the Bank of Japan, pending an expected claim for restitution by the United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Japan.

The radium, 399.3 milligrams in weight, was flown from Hong Kong on August 24, 1945 in the plane of Prince Kaifu Haruhito, Allied Headquarters investigations showed, and was stored at the home of a Major Imai.

Japanese authorities said the invoice carried a notation "purchased from an individual" but a letter by the British commander at Hong Kong to the British Liaison Mission in Japan disputed Japanese ownership.

"This theft of Hong Kong's radium stock was reported to me in mid-September of 1945 by Dr. Selwyn Clarke, Director of the Medical and Sanitary Service, who discovered it had been taken to Canton by Lieut. Gen. Tanaka and Colonel Yamazaki on August 21, 1945," the British commander wrote.—Associated Press.

ANYTHING YOU WANT ON BLACK MARKET

(BY L. M. HANNA)
 LONDON, APRIL 24.
 IT'S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW, BUT WHOM YOU KNOW THAT COUNTS IN LONDON'S BLACK MARKET. IN THE BACKWATER STREETS, IN SNUG "PUBS" AND OTHER HAUNTS, YOU CAN PICK UP PRACTICALLY ANYTHING YOU WANT IF YOU SWALLOW YOUR SCRUPLES AND ARE PREPARED TO DIG DEEPLY ENOUGH INTO YOUR POCKETS.

On Sunday, for instance, following certain directions, I took the tube to a famous, if rather unsavoury, district of London—not far from the heart of the city. And what I saw there was almost unbelievable.

Full-fashioned silk stockings, towelling, curtain material, sheets, socks, shoes—all without coupons, none of them second-hand and all shamelessly expensive.

Real, pre-war standard fountain pens, openly flaunting the Government's instructions for only "utility" models: Swiss watches with jewelled movements, luminous dials, chromium plate—all at luxury prices, in a near-alum locality.

One merchant ostentatiously was an optician, but I dropped into his shop and mentioned cameras. After a cautious look around, the shopkeeper delved under the counter and almost reverently displayed two top-notch German cameras—a Leica and a Zeiss Ikon. Wonderful places.

THE WEATHER
 Today's forecast: Cloudy with occasional light showers, high winds.
 Tomorrow's temperatures: Maximum—57° at 4 p.m. Minimum—48° at 1 a.m. Sunday—51° at 4 p.m. Minimum—41° at 1 a.m.
 Weather summary—87 per cent. chance of rain and 13 per cent. chance of sun.

ALLOCATION OF GERMAN SHIPS

Brussels, Apr. 24.
 The Inter-allied Reparations Agency today announced that German merchant tonnage allocations are in proportion to the tonnage which each lost in the war as to two thirds the remaining third being allocated to the Soviet Union, who will share it with Poland.

The United States will get 17.82 per cent, the United Kingdom and colonies 46.04 per cent and South Africa 0.14 per cent.

It has been estimated that 1,169,000 tons, with a total value of £20,000,000 are available for distribution.—Reuter.

Statesmanship Necessary

London, April 24.
 The President of the London branch of the All India Moslem League, Mohammed Abbas Ali, in a letter to "The Times" today says that India's varied problems might be solved overnight if the British Cabinet Mission "look to their practical side."

"I am sure they will," he added. "The differences between Hindus and Muslims are not based on communal or sectional claims against one another. These differences are not the same as those between Catholics and Protestants or between Labour and Conservatives in Britain."

"Hindus and Moslems, although they have lived together for a thousand years, could not be united, as they are fundamentally different from one another. They are two rival nations, and fortunately the Muslim League, as representative of the Muslims, has proved that fact in recent elections."

"The Muslim demand for separate states is just a national demand for freedom and peace, so there is no question of safeguarding the interest of one against the interest of the other."

"Muslims are against Hindu imperialism as Indians are against foreign rule and are determined to take control of their own affairs."

"It is famous British statesmanship that can save India from an eternal discord."—Reuter.

Indian Navy Mutiny Enquiry

New Delhi, Apr. 24.
 Vice-Admiral Godfrey, Flag Officer at the time of the disturbances in the Royal Indian Navy early this year, told the Commission of Inquiry today that among the contributory causes were dissatisfaction over the number of permanent commissions offered to officers and the shortage of cooks.

He said he would have liked to have the number of commissions offered—46—doubled. "It was a cause of my dissatisfaction as well that I was unable to get the Government to agree to more," he said.

Pandit Nehru, Indian Congress leader, was among the visitors at today's hearing.—Reuter.

FASTEST FLIGHT

Buenos Aires, Apr. 24.
 Completing the fastest flight so far from London to Buenos Aires, Vice Air Marshal D. C. T. Bennett, commanding the British South-American Airways liner Star Line, landed at Moron Aerodrome near here today ahead of scheduled time.—Reuter.



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BIRTH

MALINS.—On April 11, 1946, at Chander, Adworth, Berks, to Jill, wife of Commander C. W. Malins, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy, a sister for Richard.

Food Problems

Whether it is to be attributed to skillful management or just luck, Hong Kong has not yet had serious experience of the meaning of real food shortage. Until the last few weeks, indeed, with attention drawn then only because of official warnings, people in the Colony have tended to take for granted, as something remote, the world shortage of food. On Tuesday evening, the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, newly back from the Food Conference in Singapore, broadcast information which should bring home the truth to the individual citizen. That truth is a very simple one, though its simplicity does not contribute towards its palatability. It is that the Colony has for some time past been compelled to work within extremely narrow margins, and that there is reason to suppose that the situation is more likely to get worse than to get better. In every possible way, food must be saved, particularly rice and flour, if we hope to maintain ourselves at anything like existing standards. The allocation by the Combined Food Board to the South-East Asia area has been cut and, because of the situation in India and elsewhere, proposals have been made to make further cuts. Were such proposals to be carried into effect, the position in Hong Kong might very well become much more alarming than it is. Indeed, when announcement of the impending broadcast was made, it was freely interpreted by those with some knowledge of the situation as indicating ominous news. Happily, Sir Cecil's statement was, to some extent, reassuring. Action contemplated as a result of the Singapore Food Conference seems to offer some prospect that, other things being equal, the rice ration can be maintained at its present level. This, however, does not obviate the need for the strictest economy and prevention of waste. There is no call yet for a drastic tightening of belts. There is a responsibility and a necessity for ensuring that the supplies brought into Hong Kong are used beneficially and ckd out to the farthest point.

Parliament

Mr. Morrison recently boasted that in just over 100 working days the Government had "transformed the Mother of Parliaments from a stolid old dame into a bright, energetic and intelligent young woman." By the time the Government have done with the bright young woman she will be in a fair way to becoming an overworked and over-stained bluestocking. Whenever she asked, for a modest opportunity to make an initiative of her own, she is invariably told that "there is no prospect of the time being available." It was on this pretext that the Coal Bill was relegated to a Standing Committee and that Mr. Morrison refused discussion of a motion signed by 200 M.P.s. Judging by the contents of their election pamphlet, "Let us Face the Future," and by their subsequent utterances the Government have a programme, which will keep Parliament legislating at its present pace for the rest of its natural life. They would do well to take another look at their programme and see how many of the things they are doing are really necessary, and the immense output of the past eight

Protection Of H.K. Children

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WHICH DID SUCH GOOD WORK BEFORE THE WAR, IS TO RESUME ACTIVITY. A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL TO APPOINT OFFICERS.

OLD RESIDENTS WILL RECALL THAT THE SOCIETY WAS STARTED IN 1929 ON THE INITIATIVE OF SIR CECIL CLEMENTI, THEN GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, AND THE APPEAL FOR AN EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR MET WITH A SPLENDID RESPONSE FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Foremost among the early workers was Mr. T. M. Hazle-rigg who, by reason of his knowledge and experience of such work in England, contributed much to the success and rapid expansion of the activities of the Society. For a number of years he served as Hon. Director, and his active connection with the Society's activities continued right up to the time of his departure from the Colony in 1937.

By 1941, the Society had so grown that it had five branches in various parts of the Colony, each with its own welfare centre, inspectors and staff. In that year no less than 2,943 cases were given attention mostly children suffering from acute malnutrition.

In addition to providing nutritional food and other relief to needy cases, orphans and children whose parents could not support them were sent to homes and institutions and maintained at the Society's expense.

Creche Maintained
 The Society also maintained a creche, which proved to be a godsend to mothers who had to

leave their children behind when they went to work in the day. This side of its activities would have been extended but for the outbreak of the war.

Yet another phase of the Society's work was the opening of a number of girls' clubs where girls could meet and indulge in healthful recreation as well as avail themselves of educational facilities during the evening hours.

All this work was financed from voluntary contributions from the public, with the aid of an annual grant of \$5,000 from the Government. The revival of the Society means that the public will be called upon to finance its renewed activities, and those now sponsoring the Society are confident that the response will be no less generous than it was in 1941.

The need today is greater than it was before the war. It is estimated that there are at least 2,000 orphans and homeless children roaming the Colony's streets, and it is impossible to turn a deaf ear to their cries for help.

Vice-Admiral J. H. Edleston, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, will hold a dinner on Sunday in honour of Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, the retiring Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong.

Armed Robbery In Queen's Rd.

A total of H. K. \$11,500 C.N. \$400,000 and a considerable amount of jewellery was stolen during an armed robbery by three gangsters from 431 Queen's Road Central about 10.15 p.m. yesterday.

The robbers, who were armed with automatic pistols resembling American Government issue weapons, were all dressed in European-style clothes. They gained admittance into the premises, and gagged the inmates. The principal tenant, Tsui Ping, was forced to produce the key for the safe, from which \$2,000 and the jewellery were taken. The other inmates were also relieved of their valuables and money.

After remaining on the flat for over 20 minutes, the gangsters made good their escape. A robbery occurred at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday at 1, Wongneichung Road, where H.K.\$11,000 was stolen.

The party was also said to consist of four men armed with automatic pistols.

BOTTLE EXPORT BANNED

The public are reminded that the list of prohibited export goods has been extended by proclamation to include glass bottles of all kinds.

The reason for this prohibition is that bottles of certain types (e.g. beer bottles and wine and spirit bottles) are urgently required for use in the Colony.

The Superintendent of Imports and Exports has been authorised to allow the export of glass bottles of types which are not urgently required.

DON'T BATHE

The public has been warned not to bathe on the main beach at Repulse Bay until repairs now being effected to the septic tank serving Repulse Bay Hotel, have been completed.

The tank was neglected during the Japanese occupation, and recently it was found to be out of order. It is expected that the work will be completed in a couple of weeks.

Col. W. M. Thomson, who attended the Far Eastern Food Conference in Singapore, returned to the Colony by air yesterday. Col. Thomson after the conference visited Java and Borneo.

Four well-dressed Chinese, armed with short fire arms, entered No. 1, Wongneichung Road, second floor, at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday, and set away with money and valuables to the value of \$3,000.

Another broadening of the list of prohibited exports is being considered. The nation is suffering from indignation, too.

Readers' Letters

Evicted

Sir.—Laws have been passed by the Local Administration for the protection of tenants from unscrupulous landlords and yet today I am being evicted by the authorities, to whom of course the laws do not apply.

I am at present living in a flat owned by a professional man, who also possesses two very nice houses in the best locality in Kowloon, which have been requisitioned by one of the Services. He has been trying his utmost for the past few months to get back one of those houses for his large family to stay, as they have been living with friends since their return to Hong Kong. So far he has not succeeded. The Service in occupation just refused to consider his application, even for the return of part of a house.

Consequently, he has, with the help of the law, given me and the tenants of other flats in the building where we are staying notice to get out as he must have back his own premises. And so through my landlord I and a few more families are being pushed into the streets by the Authorities.

Now I know for a fact that another professional man had his house requisitioned by the Japanese when they were in occupation in Hong Kong but they at least had the decency of providing him with another house which was just as good as the one they took from him.

If the Japanese could do that, I wonder if the Service in question could provide my landlord with another house so that we poor tenants need not have to quit, as getting another flat at present is almost impossible unless we pay exorbitant money or money or transfer money, which we of the "white collar class" cannot afford.

But I presume that that Service, being superior to the Japanese in high handedness, will not consider such a bother or return to my landlord one of his houses.

The Service personnel and I are both living in someone's house but my landlord cannot ask them to leave but can throw me out into the street. If this is the Democracy that we fought for, then many have fought in vain.

DEMOCRACY

Drat! Solidarity

Sir.—This morning two members of the F.F.A.V. in a mobile car were inadvertently heard discussing a dance to be held somewhere in the Colony. This

Gehring Deported

It is officially announced that Charles Alfred Gehring, against whom charges of acting as a collaborator with the Japanese were recently withdrawn by the Crown, has been deported from Hong Kong for life on a deportation order signed by the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

This deportation order represents the "extra-judicial" measures to which the Crown prosecutor, Mr. M. A. de Silva, referred in Court when he withdrew the "treason" charges.

POLICE RAIDS

Several premises in the West Point district were raided by Police under Chinese Sub-Inspector Lam Yung-hon, as opium dives, on Tuesday.

Before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, Chau Chin was charged with keeping an opium den at No. 79, Second Street, ground floor. It was stated that when the flat was raided at about 4 p.m. on Tuesday by virtue of a general warrant, accused admitted he was the keeper.

A fine of \$1,000 or three months' imprisonment was imposed.

A similar sentence was imposed on Lo Wan, convicted on a similar offence at No. 11, Centre Street, first floor.

A young girl, Yuen Shuk-ying, was fined \$400 or one month, for the same offence at No. 254, Des Voeux Road West, first floor.

Kwok Ching and Wong Mok-lam, who failed to appear in Court, charged with smoking at the above premises, had their bail of \$10 estreated.

C.S.I. Lam prosecuted in all cases.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Shiu-wah by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for stealing \$10 from a canteen in Des Voeux Road West near Centre Street on Tuesday afternoon.

function was scornfully dismissed by the words, "B.O.R.'s are admitted."

I would like to put on record the fact that, no matter how low an opinion they and their kind may hold of the brutal and licentious soldiery, it cannot help but be a great deal higher than the B.O.R.'s opinion of the "white woman in the tropics" species.

I would be willing to bet that very few of them would have the wit to attend the dances this unit used to hold back in England, either. The law of supply and demand still holding good, they would have made a choice selection of wall-flowers.

B.O.R.

Why "D-Day"?

Sir.—As a matter of interest, could the authorities indicate what quirk of fancy governed the choice of the description "D-Day" for the occasion of the return to civil government? I was under the impression that D-Day had particular associations for some people and should this be the case they are not unlikely to resent "D-Day" in the special connection planned for Hong Kong.

It would, in any case, be more appropriate, surely, to refer to it as "Y-Day".

And why this secrecy about the route of the gubernatorial procession? Don't they want to get in our places ready to cheer? M. G.

Gunmen Sentenced

Sentences of four years' imprisonment with hard labour were imposed on two Chinese gunmen by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. Yau Fai and Wong Kan were charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver and four rounds and a revolver and five rounds of ammunition respectively. Both pleaded guilty.

Chief Detective-Inspector Fraser told the Court that on the night of April 22, police patrol party challenged two men in Kowloon Tsai Village. One of them, tried to run and was shot but made good his escape. The other man was found to have a loaded revolver in his girdle.

The next day, Wong Kan was arrested through information given by Yau Fai, at the Pak Tin Village. He also possessed a loaded revolver.

The first accused was connected with an arms case in January but turned "King's" evidence. The second accused was known to the police as a bad character.

For picking the pocket of one Pan "Lu Fat" at the Un Tong Ferry Wharf on April 23 of C.N.\$400. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL NEARS END

THE COLONY'S FIRST TRIAL OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS REACHED THE LAST STAGE YESTERDAY FOLLOWING 20 HEARINGS OF 44 WITNESSES, INCLUDING NINE FOR THE DEFENCE, SINCE MARCH 28.

THE COURT WAS ADJOURNED TO 10 A.M. THIS MORNING WHEN THE DEFENDING OFFICER, CAPT. M. CROFT, R.A.S.C., WILL SUM UP HIS CASE.

The trial which involves 14 Japanese of the Kishi Company, is being heard before a Military Tribunal comprising: President, Lieut.-Col. J. C. Stewart (Department of the J.A.C. in India); Major M. I. Ormsby, West Yorks Regiment; and Captain B. N. Kaul, Frontier Force Regiment.

The prosecution is being conducted by Captain J. F. Reilly, Staff Captain (Legal) H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A.

Accused are Lieut. Kishi Yasuo, Lieut. Masumoto Chozaburo, W.O. Yanagizawa Sadao, S.M. Kodama Mitsutoshi, S.M. Uchida Hiroshi, Sgt. Jomori Ritschi, Sgt. Sato Yoshio, Sgt. Yoshikawa Guntchi, Cpl. Kamishiro Katsumasa, L/Cpl. Takemura Sokimatsu, L/Cpl. Ando Takashi, Pte. Nishizawa Kenro, Pte. Uemura Gisaku and Pte. Okamoto Kichitaro.

When the Court resumed yesterday morning, the last of the 14 accused, Private Okamoto Kichitaro, admitted when cross-examined by Capt. Reilly that he had assisted Lieut. Masumoto and Sgt. Major Kodama in the interrogation of the villagers, but denied having ill-treated the villagers and having tortured Lam Fu-fook and Ho Yick.

Denies Accusations

Further cross-examined, accused also denied having arrested any villagers and having assisted in the beating of a villager.

Pressed by Captain Reilly, Okamoto said he could not understand why several villagers accused him in their evidence of having ill-treated, tortured and arrested them.

Okamoto claimed that he had acted as interpreter only for his superior officer, and believed that he maintained good friendship with the villagers during his stay on the Island.

Called to testify for Okamoto, the Rev. Nishu Utsuki, of the Japanese South China Christian Association, said that he had known accused since his arrival in Hong Kong from Japan in 1942.

During subsequent meetings, Rev. Nishu added, Okamoto always had given him very good impressions. "Not only he, witness continued, but also many others who knew Okamoto would be willing to testify that Okamoto was a nice fellow."

"Nice And Considerate"

Asked by Capt. Croft, defending, as to his prevailing impression of Okamoto's character, the Rev. Nishu said that Okamoto was a man well-versed in the Chinese language and

EX-HONG KONG P.O.W.S.

Tokyo, April 24. Two Canadians, former prisoners of the Japanese, are participating in the war crimes trials as members of the Canadian Liaison section of Allied Headquarters (Legal section).

Both warrant officers, Capt. I. Harold Darlow Shepherd, of St. John, Quebec, and Robert Manchester, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, were taken prisoner at Hong Kong in 1941. They were liberated by Americans here on September 9, 1945. — Associated Press.

OPIUM DENS

Two opium den keepers were charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday and sentenced. Two Tak, found guilty of keeping a den at 513, Shanghai Street, and of the unlawful possession of five mace of prepared opium, was fined \$200 or seven weeks.

Tan Wei Chat, who pleaded guilty to charges of keeping an opium den at 647, Shanghai Street and of the unlawful possession of one taol of prepared opium, was fined \$350 or twelve weeks' hard labour.

All opium pipes, heroin pipes and lamps were ordered to be destroyed.

Caught by Indian sentries while stealing ten piculs of coal from the Work Yard on April 23, three Chinese coolies were each sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

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W. F. SIMMONS, Acting General Manager
 Hong Kong, April 24, 1946.

Future Of Indonesia

The final discussions between the Netherlands Government and the Indonesian delegation now in Holland on the future of Indonesia are to be held at The Hague tomorrow, a reliable source reported today.—Reuter.

IL DUCE'S BODY SNATCHED

Milan, April 24. Unknown persons last night exhumed and removed the body of Benito Mussolini, former Fascist dictator, from a secret grave in one of Milan's cemeteries, where it was buried after his execution by partisans in April, 1945.

The authorities have opened an inquiry but have not yet found any clues. They are also puzzled as to how the body snatchers managed to find the grave. Its location had been kept a close secret.

Mussolini, Clara Petacci, his mistress, and other Fascist leaders were caught by Italian partisans in April, 1945, in the village of Dongo near Como when seeking to escape.

Deciding on summary justice, the partisans sentenced Mussolini and Clara Petacci to death after a ten minute trial.

At 4.00 p.m. on April 28, a firing squad of fifteen men of the Garibaldi Division shot them both.

Their bodies were brought to Milan where they were strung up by the heels in Piazza Loreto before being taken down and buried in secret graves.—Reuter.

Officers Like U.S. Air Force

Washington, Apr. 24. The United States Army Air Force reveals that more officers have volunteered to remain in that service than is actually needed.

All commissioned personnel have been screened to retain only those rated as being best qualified to remain, said General Carl Spaatz, Army Air Force Chief, today.

With 70 air groups authorized for an interim air force, the plans call for a strength of 400,000 men, of whom 50,000 will be officers. The peak strength of the army air force was 2,250,000 officers and men on V-J day.—Associated Press

The Next War Prophets

Columbus, Apr. 24. Lieutenant-General Ira Eaker told a national conference on Women in Aviation last night that the next war would come by thrusts of airborne atomic weapons across the Arctic.

The Deputy Chief-of-Staff of the U.S. Army Air Forces declared that guided missiles,

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ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY

Definite Progress In Preliminary Talks

Much Ground Believed Cleared

CAIRO, APRIL 24. DEFINITE PROGRESS APPEARS TO BE BEING MADE IN THE ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TALKS. THE EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER, SIDKY PASHA, HAS CONVOKED THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO SUBMIT TO THEM THE RESULTS OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION, LORD STANSFORD (AIR MINISTER) AND SIR RONALD CAMPBELL (BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT).

The official date of the beginning of negotiations will then be fixed, but there is general belief that much ground has been cleared and some political circles think the draft treaty has been considered, though this is not officially confirmed.

According to "Al-Doustour," the opening of negotiations has been delayed in order to hear the views of Field-Marshal Smuts, who is due in Cairo tonight on his way to London for the Dominion Prime Ministers' conference, and who is deeply interested in Mediterranean problems.

Major-General Jacob, member of the British delegation, left Cairo by air this morning for London to acquaint the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, of the latest developments in the preliminary contacts.

General Jacob is expected to return to Cairo in a few days.

Sheik El Banna, Hassan, has written to the Egyptian Premier urging the negotiations should be concluded by May 6, anniversary of King Farouk's accession, so that Egypt may simultaneously celebrate either Victory Day or Struggle Day, according to the outcome. Declaring that this was the last chance for negotiations, he said that the Moslem Brotherhood was ready to fulfil its duties, whatever the sacrifices or circumstances.—Reuter.

Japanese Coalition Runs Into Hitch

Discussions on the prospective formation of a coalition Government today ran into complications but the situation is not considered hopeless.

Members of the Social Democrat Executive Committee publicly stated that they would cooperate if their party is given important posts including the Premiership. Otherwise they said they will let the Progressives and Liberals take over and they "stand outside in opposition."

Ichiro Kawanabe, Liberal whip, met Tetsu Katayama, Secretary-General of the Socialist Party last night but a report on the conference said they did not go far in their discussions.

Word was spread in political circles to "watch Yoshida" as a dark horse in the complicated jockeying for power. Some observers expressed the belief that Shigeru Yoshida, who is Shidehara's Foreign Minister, might become Liberal President if Ichiro Katayama is disqualified for past ultra-nationalism.

The Japanese people have rejected extremes in the government at the polls and have chosen the middle-road leaders they believe would best serve the people themselves, General MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, declared today in accepting his headquarters report on the general election.

Allied Headquarters said the Japanese turned their backs on the philosophy that past experience has shown mean "regimentation of masses and suppression of human liberty."

"Democracy has thus demonstrated a healthy forward advance," MacArthur declared, adding that given the opportunity to cast the shackles of the past decades, in which the militarists held them in subjugation, the people "responded wholeheartedly" to a chance for a free expression of their views.—Associated Press.

Vienna Plane Incident

Vienna, Apr. 24. General Mark Clark, Commander of the United States occupation forces in Austria, today lodged a sharp protest with the Soviet authorities over the alleged attack by four Soviet fighter planes on American transport aircraft over the United States airport of Tulln.

The Soviet fighters are alleged to have circled the American transport planes when they were preparing to land at an airport near Vienna and to have fired several shots, forcing them down. Soviet officials declined to comment on the incident.—Reuter.

CZECH LABOUR AND TRIESTE

Prague, April 25. A resolution demanding the incorporation of the disputed province of Venezia Giulia, which includes Trieste, into Yugoslavia, has been issued through the Congress of Czech and Slovak Trades Unionists in Prague.

The Congress also urged Trade Unionists throughout the world, to intensify the fight against Franco-Spanish.—Reuter.

Baronet And Stolen Manuscript

Bombay, Apr. 24. Sir Cowasji Bangshi, multi-millionaire baronet of Bombay, was today ordered by the Chief Presidency Magistrate to surrender to the court an original manuscript of great antiquity, which it was stated came into the baronet's possession in 1945.

The manuscript is of the book "Gulistan" written in the twelfth century by a Persian poet and owned by Shah Jehan, creator of the Taj Mahal at Agra.

The police alleged that the manuscript has been stolen from a library in Hyderabad (Deccan) by a man for whom they were now searching and that it had been sold to Sir Cowasji for the equivalent of £412.

The court ruled that it should remain in the court's custody while inquiries are being made. Sir Cowasji's solicitors said that his client was a bona fide purchaser of the book, which he bought after having it valued by an expert.—Reuter.

Russia To Discuss Air Compact

Washington, April 24. Russia has accepted the American invitation to confer on the possibilities of drawing up a commercial aviation agreement between the two countries, the State Department announces.

No date has yet been set for the start of negotiations, but government officials here believe that it is possible that it will be held concurrently with the discussions of the projected \$1,000,000,000 American loan to the Soviet Union.

If the Soviet-American air pact is concluded, it may mean, among other things, that planes of the American Overseas Incorporation will fly into Moscow by two routes, one of which will include a stop at Leningrad. These routes already have been certified to the United States Aeronautics Board.

Other American companies have also indicated their interest in flying into Russia by way of the Far East and also over the "top of the world," but none of them have been certified for such routes as yet, said Board officials.

Presumably any agreement would allot the Soviet Government airline a number of routes into the United States equal to the number of those assigned to American companies for operating into Russia.—Associated Press.

Frank's Bid To Blame Himmler

Nuernberg, April 24. Counsel for the German General Staff and High Command of the Wehrmacht—organisations indicted before the War Crimes Tribunal—has asked permission of the court to seek affidavits from the following high Allied officers: General George Marshall, former United States Chief of Staff; General Walter Smith, former Chief-of-Staff to General Dwight Eisenhower; and Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, Chief of Imperial General Staff.

Counsel, Dr. Latenser, wants them to answer these questions: Could a country like Germany, surrounded by highly armed states, avoid making peacetime preparations for the deployment of armed forces for the necessary protection of her territorial integrity?

Was it not at any time the national duty and inevitable task of competent military authorities to make preparations against potential attacks on German territory?

During today's session, Josef Buehler, State Secretary to Hans Frank, former Governor-General of Occupied Poland, depicted Frank as a man opposed to all Nazi measures. He said, for example, Frank insisted on legal trials for Polish "terrorists" and on equal treatment for Poles recruited as workers. Frank, he said, urged Himmler to free 50,000 or 60,000 prisoners, who were sent to concentration camps after the Warsaw rising in 1944.—Reuter.

Documentary Evidence

Nuernberg, Apr. 24. Hans Frank, who admitted "feeling a terrible guilt" at Nazi crimes, drove towards the conclusion of his defence yesterday at the International War Crimes Tribunal with the submission of voluminous documentary evidence intended to uphold that Himmler was the real hangman of occupied Poland.

Several hundred pages of reports and affidavits introduced by his counsel alleged that Frank was frequently in conflict with Berlin because of his efforts to restrain the cruelties of the S.S.

The most important affidavit came from Bach-Zelowski, former S.S. general, who crushed the Warsaw revolt and who had previously appeared as a prosecution witness.

Bach-Zelowski swore that he had heard Himmler denounce Frank as "traitor to his country

who was conspiring with the Poles."

The affidavit declared Frank "had nothing to do with the military suppression of the Warsaw revolt."—Associated Press.

Fingerprint Clues In Astor Robbery

Maidstone, Kent, Apr. 24. The results of a minute fingerprint check at Heyer Castle, home of Colonel J. J. Astor, and scene of the daring "Rolls Royce" robbery on Sunday of articles of priceless intrinsic value, will be sent to London today for comparison with the Scotland Yard records.

A reward of £2,000 has been offered for the recovery of the gems, antiques and works of art. Practically the whole of the police of Britain are keeping a careful watch for the trace of the treasures, particularly at the ports where some attempt may be made to take the jewels out of the country.

Though seven men were concerned in the theft, it is obvious that the leader or planner knew the layout of the castle, and had previously noted the position of the jewels.—Reuter.

Quake Shock

Boston, Apr. 24. A "fairly strong" earthquake originating in the Southwest Pacific area—possibly south of Java, or in the New Zealand region—13,350 miles from Boston, was recorded on Weston College's seismographs at 000516 gmt. today.

Reverend Daniel Linahan, seismologist, said that reading did not provide "too good a direction." The record was not as strong as those of some recent earthquakes and was far away, almost halfway around the earth.—Associated Press.

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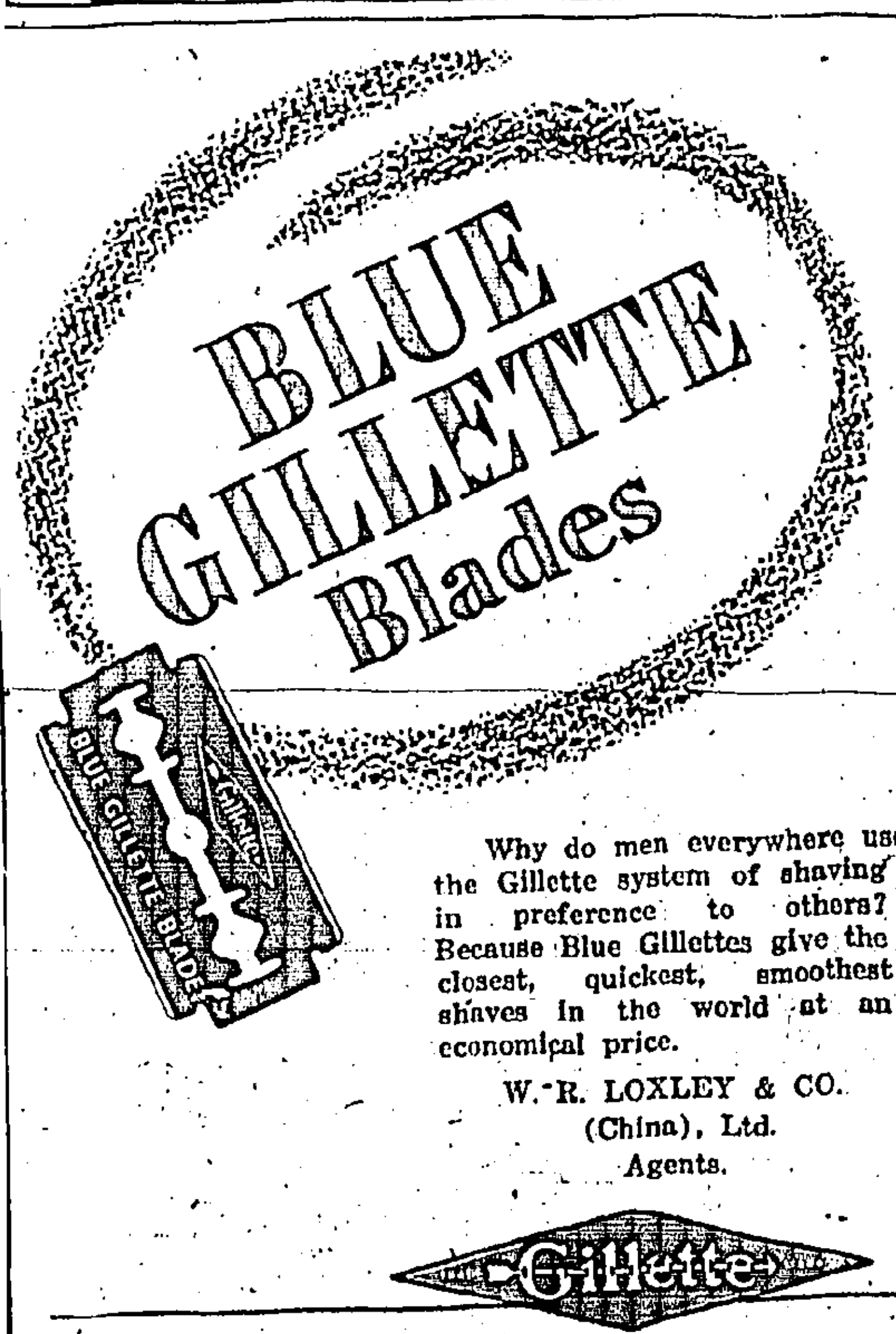
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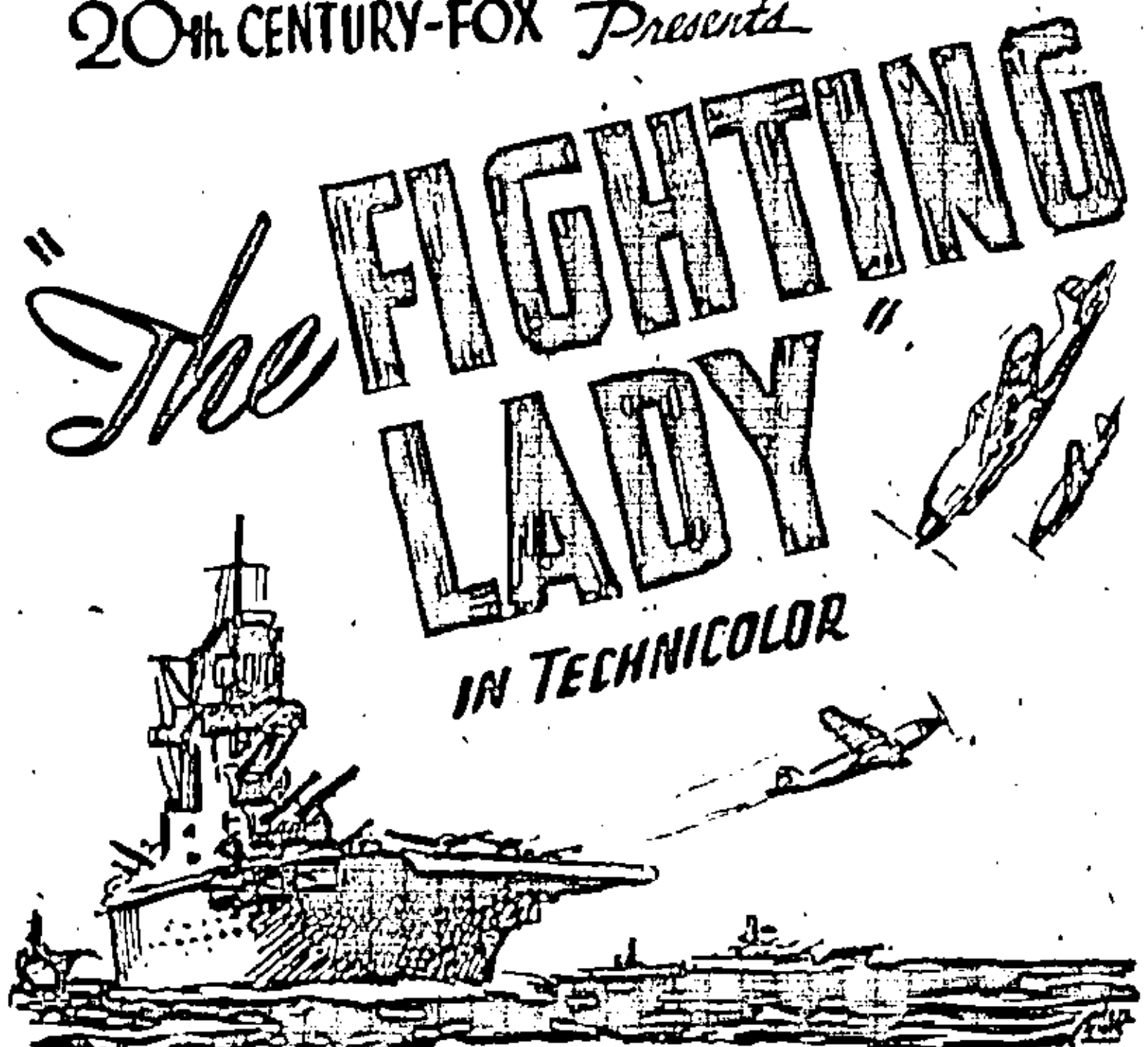
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Channel Tunnel Scheme Not Much Hope Of Anything

LONDON, APRIL 24.
SOME TIME IN JUNE HALF A DOZEN MEN WILL RENT A HOTEL ROOM AND SIT DOWN TO TALK ABOUT A RECEDING DREAM — RAILWAY-MOTOR TUNNEL UNDER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

FIRST PROPOSED IN NAPOLEON'S TIME AS AN UNDER-SEA WAY FOR STAGE COACHES, AND TALKED ABOUT EVER SINCE, THE TUNNEL SCHEME AS NOW RECOGNISED AS "ALMOST A DEAD PIGEON" BY SOME OF ITS STAINCHEST SUPPORTERS.

The hotel meeting will be the annual meeting of the Channel Tunnel Company Limited, launched in 1881 to finance the British share of the work. It has issued capital of £91,351-8s. 6d.—but it has never paid a dividend.

Early in the century, the cost of the tunnel was estimated at £16,000,000. By 1930, the figure was boosted to £30,000,000 and by 1939 to £42,000,000. The laying of through railway tracks would cost several times that.

"The outlay would be so tremendous that it is almost beyond any private purse," says Leo F. A. d'Erlanger, a company director with banking interests in the City. "The project must be regarded now as a political problem."

"Frankly, the prospect for any action is not bright; but I

don't suppose the company will fold up. After all, it has lasted 65 years. We have some investments that bring in a small profit. And presumably we'll have some prior rights if the tunnel is ever built."

Napoleon, commenting once on the plan to the English Ambassador in Paris said: "This is one of the things we ought to do together."

Nearly-Once

Once the tunnel nearly was built. Sixty years ago, pilot shafts were sunk near Dover and the builders branched out two miles under the Channel before the project was vetoed by Parliament.

Another shaft was sunk near Calais and galleries pushed toward Britain; but here, too, the work was eventually sealed off. In 1924, the demand was raised again. But the Imperial Defence Committee turned down the scheme on military and strategic grounds.

Then, in 1929, a special parliamentary committee was set up to look into the proposal. Briefly, the plan before it was for a tunnel 36 miles long—24 miles under the sea—would allow passengers to travel from London to Paris by train in 2-3/4 hours. The cost of the tunnel then was estimated at £30,000,000, with another £168,000,000 for the approach railways.

The committee found the cost prohibitive but said the tunnel "would be of economic advantage to this country." In a 1930 statement of policy, however, the Government again rejected the scheme.

But big men still have faith in the scheme. Chairman of the company today is Sir Herbert Walker, former general manager of the Southern Railway, and the Earl of Badner is a director. "If England and France had won the war together, the tunnel might have been built to commemorate the two countries' close co-operation," says Mr. d'Erlanger. "But the way things worked out, we don't see much hope of anything being done."

—Reuter.

BRIDGE NOTES

It isn't always enough for the defence to switch to the right suit; sometimes it is also necessary that they lead precisely the right card of the right suit. For example:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

S. A 10 6
H. A K J 10 6
D. 9 8
C. 10 6 2

S. K Q J 9 8
H. Q 9
D. K 8 2
C. Q 8 6

The bidding:
North East South West
1H Pass 1S Pass
2H Pass 2S Pass
3H Pass 3S Pass
4H Pass 4S Pass
4S Pass 4S Pass
4S Pass 4S Pass

West led the Queen of diamonds, and East won the trick with his Ace. East saw in a flash that a shift to clubs was vital, but it may prove interesting if we show how he arrived at this decision.

West's last of the Queen of diamonds denied possession of the diamond King, for if West had held both King and Queen he would have led the King. Hence South has the diamond King, and dummy's doubleton made it plain that the defence could win no further diamond tricks. The chance of winning a trump trick was very small in view of South's jump rebid and North's strong trump holding. The heart suit was obviously solid; since even if South lacked the Queen the defence would succeed. Hence the only suit in which the defence could win the three needed tricks was clubs.

But East had three cards in the club suit, and only one of them would produce three tricks. Obviously, any lead would succeed if West held both the Ace and Queen; and no lead would succeed if South held the Ace. But care was needed if South held the Queen and West the Ace.

The proper lead, as East soon saw, was the Jack. Then if South played the Queen, West would take the Ace and the King-nine would win the next two tricks. But if East led the nine of clubs, South would play low and dummy's ten would compel West to play the Ace. Then the Queen would win the third round of the suit.

Yesterday you were Morwin Major's partner and, with neither side vulnerable you held:

S. A 10 9 2
H. K Q 5
D. Q 10 2
C. J 4

The bidding:
Schmeken You Jacoby Major
Pass Pass Pass 3C
2D Pass 3D
ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your partner on the second round doesn't commit you to weak scales for the rest of the auction. Partner's bidding indicates a good hand with reasonable game prospects—and it pays to bid for game rather than try only for a part score on hands of this type.

Score 100 per cent for four spades, 20 per cent for pass.

Question
To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

Schmeken You Jacoby Major
Pass Pass Pass 3C
2D Pass 3D
Pass 4S Pass 3S
5D (P)
What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow).

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Woodbridge N. Ferris from Japan, U.S. S.T.'s 434, 522, 641, 610 and 655, S.S. Karl B. Eielson from Shanghai, S.S. City of Lille, U.S.S. Obstructor, H.M.S. Whitbrel from Pratas Island, and S.S. Crista and S.S. Edna from Singapore.

Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—S.S. Hellkon from Saigon, U.S.S. Ashtabula, H.M.S. Comet from Hainan, A.F.A. Wave Governor from Singapore and S.S. Lonside Park from Saigon.

Tomorrow:—U.S. L.S.T.'s 634, 618 and 658, H.M.S. Hart from Thursday Island, S.S. Tarentum and S.S. Foschow from Singapore, and U.S.S. Norris.

Departures

Yesterday:—H.M.S. Whitbrel for Pratas Island.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—U.S.S. Cocopa and Y.O. 79 for Breaker Point.

Tomorrow:—U.S.S. Norris and U.S.S. Ratay for Shanghai.

Swiss Tighten Border Control

Berno, Apr. 24.
The Swiss police today intensified their check on the frontier with Germany and Austria. Passports are being put into effect to prevent the entry into Switzerland of members of the underground "Edelweiss" movement, responsible for a number of acts of hoodlums in Germany recently. The Swiss police are also keeping under constant observation Germans who, because of their sympathies with Nazism, may associate with or help the "Werewolf" organization in Germany. —Reuter.

Reducing B.P.F.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.
Admiral Lord Bruce Fraser, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, said here today that the strength of the British fleet in the Pacific was gradually being reduced to its prewar strength of about four cruisers, eight destroyers and twelve escorts. It would be based in Hong-kong, he added. —Reuter.

U.S. Miners Deaf To Request

Washington, April 24.
Leaders of soft coal miners and operators turned a deaf ear to a plea from UNRRA for partial resumption of production to help speed famine relief shipments on their way to urgently waiting areas of the world.

UNR.R.A. Director-General J. Guardia proposed yesterday that a sufficient number of strike-bound mines be reopened "in the name of humanity" to produce 500,000 tons of coal monthly for the stricken foreign countries that are being aided by U.N.R.R.A.

He said the coal is needed to run trains carrying food inland to famine centres and said that U.N.R.R.A. would pay, retroactively, any changes in the price of coal resulting from the present dispute which has idled 400,000 miners since April 1.

Van Horn and John L. Lewis, heads of the National Bituminous Coal Congress and the United Mine Workers respectively, to whom Director-General Guardia's appeal was directed, announced through their spokesmen that they refused to comment on the request. —Associated Press.

27 Injured Over A Sack

Lahore, Apr. 24.
Twenty seven persons were injured in a Hindu-Muslim clash over an empty coal sack at Hissar in the Punjab on April 18, according to an official report received today by the Punjab Government.

The clash originated in an argument in the bazaar between a Muslim coal dealer and a Hindu customer over the sack and Muslims and Hindus, armed with hatchets, brickbats and a rifle took part in a free fight. —Reuter.

Biggest Single Factor In Winning Peace

Washington, April 24.
General Eisenhower, U.S. Army Chief-of-Staff, declared on Sunday night that the problem of feeding the starving world "is the biggest single factor in winning peace today." He was the principal speaker at a banquet of the Kansas State College Alumni Association of Washington D. C.

The General told the audience that "the army must have at least 1,000,000 men to do the job we have assumed for our nation. Unless our minimum occupation forces are sufficiently strong to quell threatening outbreaks, we may be placed in the humiliating position of having to call on an ally for help."

He said that this was the reason why both he and the War Department advocated extending the selective service act, although the army would prefer occupation forces made up completely of volunteers.

General Eisenhower declared that "no nation in the world including the Russians, fears a strong United States." He said that Marshal Zhukov of the Russian army told him last year that the "Russians fear only that the United States will reduce its strength too far and will be unable to exercise a strong, powerful, stabilizing force in Europe today."

General Eisenhower said that

every Allied commander in Europe agreed with Marshal Zhukov's contention, and added that "if we, as victors, do not occupy Germany and Japan, we won't have peace. Food is the primary need of that occupation. If the United States wants to let friendly and even hostile populations starve, it is a decision that must be made. However, the American people have never made such a decision." —Associated Press.

Tallahassee, Fla., Apr. 24.
Senator Claude Pepper said today that he plans to introduce a resolution in the Senate calling the United States to "take the lead" among the nations in disarming.

Senator Pepper is spending his Easter holidays at his home here and said in an interview that he intended to present the resolution possibly this week. The resolution will urge disarmament, particularly among Russia, England and the United States. —Associated Press.

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Frankfurt, Apr. 24.
Counter-intelligence agents are seeking four former concentration inmates in connexion with the poisoning by arsenic of 2,283 German S.S. men in a prisoner-of-war camp near Nuremberg. The United States Intelligence spokesman said that the four men, all "displaced persons," were employed in the bakery. Leaves issued to the prisoners were painted with arsenic. —Reuter.

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Chungking Charges Of Obstruction

CHUNGKING, APRIL 24.
A CHINESE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY CHARGED THE COMMUNISTS WITH OBSTRUCTING EFFORTS TO OPEN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON MAY 5 IN NANKING "TO AVOID BEING ASKED EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MANCHURIAN SITUATION."
THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION, K. C. WU, SAID DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE HIDING THEIR REAL REASON FOR DELAYING LISTING THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASSEMBLY BEHIND SMOKE-SCREEN CHARGES OF GOVERNMENT VIOLATIONS OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS.

Film Reviews

"The Fighting Lady"

"The Fighting Lady" is a film which will take its place, quietly and without ostentation, in the annals of screen history. It brings among us, the audience, the personalities and life of the men on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, and in such a way that we really come to know them as our own friends. Photographed by Navy cameramen whilst the carrier was actually at war, these scenes have the authenticity so sadly lacking in the majority of studio made war films. In some strange way, by accident, so it seems, there is a good deal of beauty in this film beside taut drama, the silhouettes of the Task Force against the setting sun, the curious snake-like trails of the wake of the Japanese Navy as it takes avoiding action. The rather horrible beauty of a surrealist picture by Dali.

Lieut. Robert Taylor's commentary is admirably restrained, it never exceeds the minimum necessary explanation and is spoken with a quiet, almost emotionless lack of serious excitement, which makes it ring true. "The Fighting Lady" was Louis de Rochemont's first attempt to shape fact into a story which exceeds fiction (The House on 92nd Street was his second), and it achieves his object brilliantly. The colour reproduction of this film, in spite of the appalling difficulties and great danger in which the photographers worked, is excellent, and "The Fighting Lady" is a lasting tribute, not only to the crews of the ships and the aircraft, but to the unnamed photographers who made the film possible.

"Over Twenty-One"

Alexander Knox was comparatively unknown until he was chosen for the part of President Wilson in the film of that name. In "Over Twenty-One," (at the Lee Theatre from today) he proves that his brilliant portrayal of Wilson was based on a real acting ability. Tenet, with Irene Dunne and Charles Coburn, Knox plays the part of Max Wharton, a newspaper editor who joins the army and is posted to an officers' training school. His wife Paula (Irene Dunne) joins him there and makes her first attempt at running a house; comedy highlight is Paula's employment of Robert Gow Max's publisher, as a butler in an emergency.

Irene Dunne is at her best in a domestic comedy role such as this, cinema-goers will probably remember her as Julie in "Penny Serenade." Charles Coburn characterises the harassed executive with a skill born of long practice in parts of this type. This is an amusing and enjoyable film, neatly directed by Charles Vidor who was responsible for that superb musical "Cover Girl." Which is evidence enough of his ability.
G.W.A.

Among arrivals in the Colony on Tuesday were Dr. G. A. C. Herliots, of the Medical Department, and Dr. (Lt.-Col.) Douglas Laing.

Chicago, Apr. 24.
May rice closed five cents higher Tuesday. Oats were unchanged to 1/4 higher; wheat, corn and barley at ceiling prices.—Associated Press.

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Referring to Monday's communist statement that their party will not participate in the re-organization of the National Government or in the National Assembly until the Kuomintang has settled both the political disputes and halted the fighting in Manchuria, Wu said, "Everything is related to the Manchurian problem. The communists do not want the National Assembly delegates to ask them why they are violating the agreement permitting the Government to take over Manchuria."

Wu said the government would do "everything possible" to open the National Assembly as scheduled.
The principal business before the Assembly is consideration of the new Chinese constitution— which the Political Consultative Conference steering committee is still preparing in Chungking.

Marshall Mediation

General George C. Marshall, meanwhile, increased the tempo of his "peace conferences" yesterday, conferring with both Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Communist General Chou En-lai.

Marshall's headquarters made no mention of progress but a Communist spokesman said there had been a "frank exchange of views" between Marshall and Chou En-lai.

It appeared to most observers that the interpretation of the original "cease fire" agreements are so tied in the hands of various political leaders that a new formal agreement is required. Only a written pact with terms completely and clearly outlined would be satisfactory, sources close to both factions declared.

Time is growing short for reaching a complete agreement in Chungking.

It appears certain that the Generalissimo, Marshall and other leaders will fly to Nanking before the end of the week.

Nanking Shift

Communist headquarters said that no arrangement had been made to accommodate their hundred officials and employees in Nanking but a government spokesman said that orders had been given to provide space to all political parties there.

Chungking-Nanking air travel is somewhat hampered as the Government and the Diplomatic Corps have started simultaneous moves. The United States Embassy borrowed a pair of four-motored transport planes from the United States Navy and another from Lieut.-Gen. Alvin Gilem to move its key personnel.

Compromise Hint

A Kuomintang source said yesterday that a possibility exists for a compromise settlement of the Manchurian question with the Government surrendering control of "certain parts" for a Communist agreement to evacuate Changchun, Harbin and other major cities and give government complete freedom over and along the railway line between Mukden, Changchun and Harbin.

The source admitted that such a compromise had "not yet gone beyond its possibility" but it was the only way of breaking the deadlock and avoiding a full-scale civil war.
The same source said the communist position was that they should control all Manchuria, Changchun northward, giving government only South Manchuria.—Associated Press.

F. E. TRIBUNAL

Tokyo, Apr. 24.
India and the Philippine Commonwealth have been invited to nominate judges to the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.
Their participation will bring to 11 the number of justices who will hear charges against major Japanese war crimes suspects.—Associated Press.

IT WAS A CHINESE PLANE

Chungking, April 24.

The headquarters of General George C. Marshall, Truman's special envoy to China, yesterday released a message from the American member of the field team in Mukden, stating that Chinese air force planes were operating over Szeppingka on the dates the Communists claimed that United States planes had attacked their positions.

The message said that one Chinese P-51 pilot, Lieut. Chen, is missing as a result of the Szeppingka operations. Chen was wearing American flying clothes.

The field team officer recommended permanent marking of Chinese aircraft obtained from the United States. He said the fighters based on the Mukden field had the old United States insignia covered with water paint which was easily removed.

The Communist "New China Daily News," meanwhile, reported that three divisions of the Government new 1st Army and one division of the 71st Army had been attacking Szeppingka since April 18 and claimed the Communists were still holding the city on April 20.—Associated Press

Lord Killearn Visiting Siam

Singapore, Apr. 24.
The British Special Commissioner in South-East Asia, Lord Killearn, is leaving Singapore on April 29 for Siam, where he will personally survey the rice situation, with particular emphasis on the transportation of rice from that country to other parts of South-East Asia.

Following on the recent Singapore food conference, at which the importance of Siam rice was stated to be the key to the South-East Asia food problem, the visit is considered to be of the utmost importance, especially as negotiations between Siam and Britain have not been completed. The visit is the first that Lord Killearn has made since his arrival in Singapore.—Reuter.

Money Mart

Both Chinese national currency and gold were very quiet on the market yesterday.
C.N. opened at H.K.\$2.42 to C.N.\$1,000 for futures and \$2.47 for spot, and closed at \$2.39 and \$2.47 respectively.

Gold opened at \$426 per tael and closed at \$425.
Rates for U.S. dollars were maintained at \$5 for large notes and \$4.95 for small. English Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$17 and \$12.50 respectively.

Shanghai Rates

Shanghai, Apr. 24.
Market opening quotations:—
Gold per ounce: Buying CN\$166,500, Selling CN\$167,500.
U.S. Dollar (unofficial): Buying CN\$2,200, Selling CN\$2,220.
Hong Kong Dollar: Buying CN\$400, Selling CN\$410.—Associated Press.

N. Y. STOCKS

New York, Apr. 24.
Individual stock market favourites advanced Tuesday but the leaders generally retreated. Stocks and motors suffered from threatened curtailments in production due to the coal strike. Transfers were around 1,400,000. Dow Jones Averages 77.29; 30 Industrials 207.31; 20 Ralls 64.87; 16 Utilities 43.52.

Closing Prices (Apr. 23):—
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COTTON FUTURES

New York, Apr. 24.
Cotton futures closed 85 cents to \$1.26 higher Tuesday.
Closing Price (Apr. 23):—May 27.82.—Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Apr. 24.
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Port Of Shanghai India To Take Over Jap. Role?

Tokyo, April 23.
India can and ought to become the world supplier of low-priced goods previously produced in Japan, Dr. L. E. Jinn, the Indian economist, told Reuters today, when he arrived to act as economic adviser to the British Commonwealth representative on the Allied Council for Japan.
He said: "India occupies an important place in the Far Eastern countries whose industrialization will undoubtedly be stimulated by circumstances and needs.
At the same time, India has a valuable contribution to make to the promotion of culture and harmony, without which, the world is 'not worth living in.'"
"Japan today is grappling with the same economic problems as India—food and inflation," said Dr. Jinn. "World-wide economic unity is essential if the human race is to get out of the mess into which it is slowly sinking."
"The Allied Council for Japan, is one of the world organizations which, given goodwill and commonsense, can do a lot of good. I assure you, India is most anxious to do all she can to see her affairs straightened out," said Dr. Jinn.—Reuters.

U. S. REPUBLICANS' NEW CHAIRMAN

(Continued from Page 1)
"It is well known that I do not approve of Chairman Reece's stand on many issues in the past. I will co-operate with him, however, and continue my debate within the party on issues and principles."
Mr. Stassen, who is an internationalist, is believed to object to Mr. Reece's stand on foreign affairs.
The "Washington Star" independent, said: "He may fairly be described as an exponent of Old Guard Republicanism as far as domestic issues prior to the war placed him in what was known as the isolationist wing of the party."
Mr. Reece, however, told correspondents that he did not classify himself either as an extreme internationalist or an extreme isolationist, but as an American advocating "international affairs which are in the American interest."

Press Comment

The "New York Sun" Republican, in a carefully-worded editorial, said: "The new chairman is a veteran member of the House of Representatives and a Southerner; on both counts he is likely to be a valuable chairman. The immediate task of the Republican Party is to capture as many of the Senate and House seats at stake in the 1946 elections (the Congressional elections) as possible. The choice of a member of Congress for national chairman of the party has particular significance in this respect."
Thomas L. Stokes, political columnist for the Scripps-Howard press, criticized the choice of Mr. Reece strongly. "It might serve a useful purpose if it shocks the progressive forces in the party to action," he said. "It was, in the first place, an unequivocal victory for the Taft conservative wing of the party." The Tennessee Congressman has been a part of the southern machine of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio for some years. The Reece election, in the second place, thus puts a representative of Southern Republicanism at the top spot in the national committee. For years the Southern kept delegations, as they are called, have been the skeletons in the closet of the Republican household."
The "New York Post" Liberal, said: "Last time the Republican Old Guard drove out the Willkie forces and prepared to lose the 1944 election. This time, the Old Guard supporters of Bricker and Taft are defeating the Stassen forces in preparation for this fall's Congressional elections."—Reuters.

Stockholm, Apr. 24.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that a Swedish-Turkish trade agreement has almost been reached and that its signing might be expected any moment.—Associated Press.

Port Of Shanghai Silt Up

(By J. S. BATES)
SHANGHAI, APRIL 24.

YEARS OF NEGLECT AND LACK OF DREDGING EQUIPMENT HAVE REDUCED SHANGHAI'S HARBOUR FACILITIES TO A FRACTION OF THEIR PRE-WAR CAPACITY. SHIPS BRINGING VITAL COMMODITIES FOR SHANGHAI AND ITS VAST HINTERLAND PILE UP OUTSIDE THE PORT FOR AS LONG AS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THEY CAN DISCHARGE. MANY ARE DIVERTED TO OTHER FAR EASTERN CENTRES BY THEIR OWNERS, WHO REFUSE TO BEAR THE HEAVY COST AND INCONVENIENCE THIS DELAY ENTAILS.

ALTHOUGH THE APPROACHES WERE DECLARED FREE FROM MINES AND THE PORT WAS OFFICIALLY RE-OPENED TO MERCHANT SHIPPING AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, NAVIGATION UP THE YANGTZE RIVER TO SHANGHAI IS STILL NOT WITHOUT DANGER, SINCE MANY AIDS-TO-SHIP, SUCH AS LIGHTSHIPS, LIGHTHOUSES AND BUOYS, WERE EITHER DESTROYED BY THE JAPANESE OR HAVE BECOME USELESS.

Shanghai lies up the rapid-flowing, silt-laden Whangpoo River which flows into the Yangtze some 30 miles from its mouth. In normal times constant dredging was necessary to keep the main channel and berths open to sea-going vessels. Shortage of berths deep enough to accommodate freighters is the principal bottleneck at present.

During March and the beginning of this month there were often twenty or more ships waiting at the mouth of the Whangpoo for berths in Shanghai. British and American shipping companies, in an effort to bypass this shortage, are discharging some of their ships into lighters, which are then towed into the port. This is not a satisfactory solution, however, due to the limited supply of tugs and lighters.

A grievance voiced by merchant shippers is that many of the best deep berths are occupied by American warships, which feel that small naval vessels, such as destroyers and minesweepers, should be moved to shallow berths to make way for merchantmen.

U.N.R.R.A. is being urged to bring in the necessary equipment for the maintenance of harbour facilities. Since it cannot discharge relief supplies as fast as it would like, this organization is giving priority consideration to the problem.

Only 8 Dredgers

Of the 16 dredgers operating before the war, only eight are now in service. The others were removed by the Japanese during their occupation and cannot be traced. Among those

"Anson" Due In Yokohama

Tokyo, Apr. 24.
H.M.S. "Anson", one of the last British battleships completed during the war, will arrive at Yokohama on Friday, the United Kingdom Liaison Mission here said today.
The battleship is commanded by Captain F. S. Bell who commanded H.M.S. "Exeter", one of the three British cruisers which drove the German pocket-battleship "Graf Spee" into the Plate River where the Nazis scuttled the ship.—Associated Press.

Hoover Meeting Gandhi

New Delhi, Apr. 24.
Former President Herbert Hoover, Honorary Chairman of Truman's Famine Emergency Committee will meet Mohandas Gandhi today, by journeying to Gandhi's quarters, for conferences just prior to his departure by plane for Bangalore and Bombay.
Hoover conferred late yesterday with top Indian Government food experts relative to famine conditions in India.—Associated Press.

OCCUPATION FORCES

Kure, Apr. 24.
H.M.S. "Chesire" arrived yesterday from Bombay with 700 British and 1,800 Indian troops, 2 R.A.F. nurses and one W.V.S.
Most of the troops saw service on the Burma front with the Second Division.—Associated Press.

Berserk

Shanghai, Apr. 24.
A berserk American seaman, 19 years old, killed nine shipmates, wounded a tenth and then himself, in a shooting orgy on an LST far up the Yangtze River, the Navy reported today.—Associated Press.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK

Tokyo, April 24.

A purge of officials of the Bank of Japan who fall in the undesirable category of the Allied Headquarters January 4 directive, and the reorganization of the Yokohama Specie Bank, are reported by the Kyodo News Agency today.

The news agency said the Finance Ministry has removed Governor Horiuchi Araki and other high officials of the Bank of Japan (who are under the ban) and will name a new Governor for the bank tomorrow.

The agency also said it has learned that Hisato Ichihara, who has been head of the Osaka branch of the bank, will be named successor to Araki.
The Finance Ministry, the news agency said, has selected Yuzuru Iimazuchi as President of the Yokohama Specie Bank. He has been the managing director of the Sanwa Bank. The agency also reported that Kiyoshi Okai, former manager of the bank, has been named the new Vice-President.—Associated Press.

Colombo, Apr. 24.

Three thousand labourers in Colombo harbour struck today for better wages and holidays. The strike has paralysed the loading and unloading of ships here.—Reuters.

Setting Up House At Home

(By Muriel Ponn)
London, April 24.

British housewives who gave up their aluminium saucepans, frying pans and other kitchen equipment to help build aeroplanes in the critical days of the war will soon be getting them back in the form of chairs, tallboys, wardrobes and dressing tables.

These and other articles of furniture are the latest efforts of British manufacturers to beat austerity and increase production of much needed furniture and other equipment for the homes, prefabricated and otherwise, which we are promised before the end of the year.

A bedroom suite which I saw the other day was made of aluminium and finished in plastic in a delicate shade of beige. All surfaces were smooth and polished so as to catch a minimum of dust, and there was a wide choice of colours, including pastel shades of green, pink, beige, red and cream, royal blue and several shades of brown.

Patient housewives will be able to get this furniture without priority dockets by August. As they use them they will no doubt think with satisfaction that the chair on which they are sitting is probably made from broken-up parts of a German bomber shot down over Britain in the blitz which destroyed their former home.

This furniture, made by workers who during the war built Spitfires in former Spitfire factories, is only one of many new features now appearing on the British market for the homes of the near future. All are specially designed to make work easy in these days of acute shortage of domestic help. Not all, like the furniture, are immediately available to all would-be purchasers, but manufacturers hope to have many of them on the market for general sale by the late summer and all of them by the end of the year.

Larger supplies of glassware which almost disappeared during the war, crockery and hardware are also becoming available.

Tea Sets

Tea sets and dinner services are still for the most part "utility" pattern—plain white or off-colour cream, pale blue or pink. But designs and non-utility shapes are re-appearing in increasing numbers.
Soft furnishing fabrics are

HONG KONG SOCCER SEASON ENDS

(BY REFEREE)

WITH THE RETURN OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION ENDS THE REHABILITATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE WHICH HAS, IN SPITE OF MANY DIFFICULTIES, DONE AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF GOOD FOR THE GAME AND PROVIDED SPORT FOR THOUSANDS EACH WEEK-END.

FEW PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS REALISE THE AMOUNT OF HARD WORK PUT IN BY THE CONTROL BOARD AND THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUANCE OF GAMES WEEK AFTER WEEK.

HOME SOCCER

London, Apr. 24.

Aston Villa remained in running for the League South Championship by today's narrow victory over Leicester City.

They now have 53 points, the same as Charlton and Birmingham, but have played a game more and have inferior goal averages.

The results of today's matches were:
League North: Huddersfield 2 Preston North End 0; Sheffield Wednesday 2 Leeds United 0.

League South: Leicester City 0 Aston Villa 1; Nottingham Forest 7 Newport County 2; West Bromwich Albion 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1.

Irish Regional League: Cliftonville 2 Linfield 3.
Rugby Union: Bath 5 Leicester 17; Cardiff 16 Devonport Services 0; Coventry 14 Bristol 5; Newport 11 Barbarians 6; Pontypool 16 London Welsh 21.

Rugby League: Batley 12 Wakefield Trinity 4; Bradford Northern 2 Huddersfield 12; Bramley 10 Dewsbury 4; Halifax 22 Workington Town 18; Hunslet 17 Hilkington Rovers 4; Keighley 16 Widnes 12.—Reuters.

Trout With A Dash Of Paprika

Washington, Apr. 24.

Hatchery-reared brook and brown trout are being made more colourful, so anglers can tell them from wild trout. The trick is a little pepper in their diet.
By using 2 per cent paprika in the food, the Fish and Wildlife Service reports the fins become coloured and spots characteristic of wild fish appear.

Larger quantities of paprika produced brilliant coloration of the entire body. "The Service said in a statement adding the trout retained this colour for six weeks to two months after it developed. The taste of the fish is not affected.

The Service has decided to try the paprika diet in Federal hatcheries during the coming season, and in some of the State hatcheries. No method of colouring hatchery rainbow trout has yet been found.—Associated Press.

U.S. Baseball

New York, Apr. 24.

Eddie Head, ex-soldier who switched to his right hand after he broke his left arm, pitched a no-hit no-run game for Brooklyn against Boston Tuesday in his first start since he entered the army two years ago. The Dodgers won 6 to 0.

Cincinnati's Haas and Miller got home runs but St. Louis won 3 to 2, in another National League topper.

In the American League, Washington staged a six-run batting festival in the eleventh inning and won over Boston, 8 to 2.

The scores:

| National League: | P. | H. | E. |
|------------------|----|----|----|
| Boston | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Brooklyn | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| St. Louis | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| New York | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Philadelphia | 8 | 12 | 0 |
| Chicago | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| American League: | P. | H. | E. |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| New York | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| Detroit | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Chicago | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Washington | 8 | 12 | 3 |
| Boston | 2 | 9 | 3 |

—Associated Press.

TITLE RETAINED

Johannesburg, Apr. 24.

Bobby Locke retained the South African golf title yesterday by shooting six under par in the final round, 66. For seventy two holes he turned in a total of 285, which was fourteen strokes better than the nearest competitor.

Locke will leave for England soon to compete in the British open and other major tournaments.—Associated Press.

RADIO

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th, 1946.

HAL LORENZO FROM THE STUDIO

Z.B.W. HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 1230 to 130 p.m., 630 to 730 p.m., 800 to 815 p.m. and 915 to 1100 also on 952 Mcgacycles.

H.K.T. —Daily Programme Summary.

12.30 p.m. —"Brookside" Dance Orchestra.

1.00 p.m. —News and Announcements.

1.10 p.m. —Orchestra Raymonds.

1.30 p.m. —New Light Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m. —Close Down.

6.00 p.m. —Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m. —Gino Brodin and His Hawaiian.

7.15 p.m. —"Ivor Pym"—The Singapore Station—ENSA.

7.30 p.m. —Studio—Hal Lorenzo at the Piano.

8.00 p.m. —London Relay—News.

8.15 p.m. —Coleman Hawkins (Saxophone) and His Orchestra.

8.30 p.m. —Variety Half-Hour.

9.00 p.m. —Albert Sandifer's Palm Court Orchestra.

9.30 p.m. —A Light Orchestral Concert with Mary Ellis & Richard Taub.

10.00 p.m. —London Relay—News.

10.05 p.m. —Some Compositions of Weber.

10.30 p.m. —Selections from Well-known Operettas.

11.00 p.m. —Close Down.

Programmes marked ENSA are recorded specially for Services Entertainment by the Department of National Services Entertainment.

Bremer, Apr. 24.

A shipment of Norwegian machinery looted by the Nazis in 1944 and found intact at the Bremer docks, is being returned to Norway this week. It was learned yesterday.—Associated Press.

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